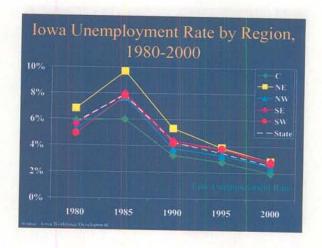
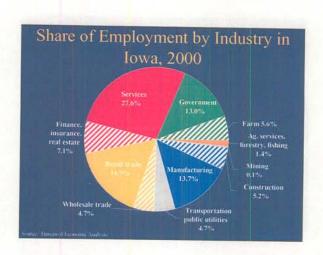
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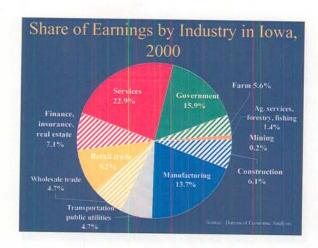


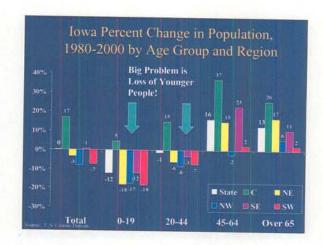


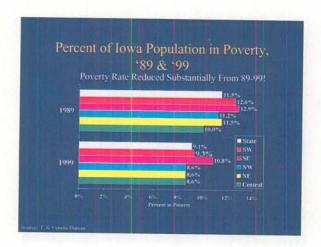


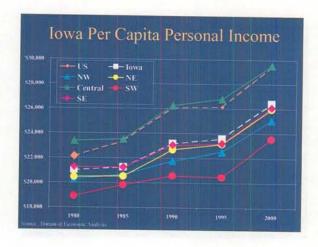








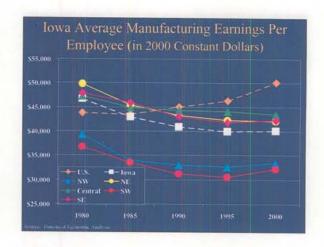










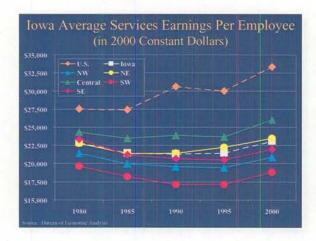






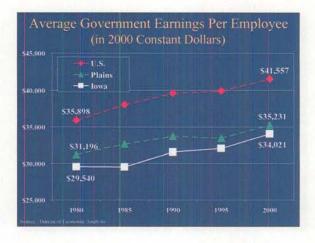




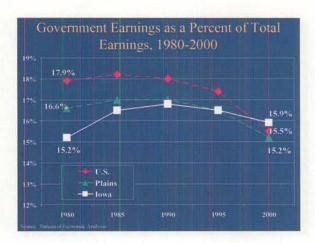




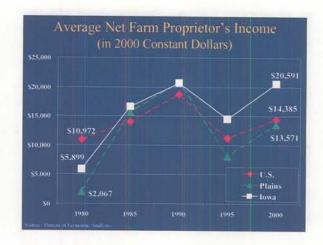


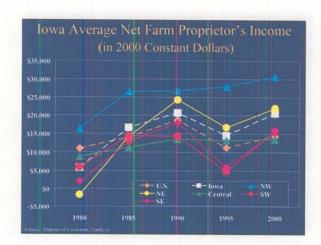














## CONCLUSIONS

- Iowa has a low unemployment rate (approx. 2/3 of national). Is this good or bad?
- · Iowa's big 4 of job generators are:
  - Services=27.6%
  - Retail=16.9%
  - Manufacturing=13.7%
  - Government=13.0%

# CONCLUSIONS (Cont'd)

- · Iowa's Big 4 of Earnings Generators are:
  - Services=22.9%
  - Government=15.9%)
  - Manufacturing=13.7%
  - Retail=9.2%
- One of lowa's major economic problems is the loss of younger population (ages up to 44)

### CONCLUSIONS (Cont'd)

- lowa has reduced its poverty rate in the last decade.
- lowa's per-capita income lags the national average in all but the central counties.
- lowa's average earnings per job lags the national average in all but the central counties.
- Iowa's average manufacturing earnings went from well above the national and regional average in 1980 to well below in 2000.

### CONCLUSIONS (Cont'd)

- Counties in western lowa lag the rest of the state in average Manufacturing earnings.
- lowa's average retail earnings lag national average.
- lowa's retail trade has migrated dramatically from rural to urban areas from 1980 to 2000
- lowa's average services earnings per employee trails both nation and region.

# CONCLUSIONS (Cont'd)

- Iowa's FIRE earnings per employee lagnation and region.
- Only the central counties equal national and regional averages in FIRE earnings per employee.
- Iowa lags nation and region in average government earnings per employee.

# CONCLUSIONS (Cont'd)

- lowa's government earnings as % of all earnings have declined less than nation and region.
- Only northern lowa has lower government earnings as % of total earnings than nation
- Iowa leads the nation in average net farm proprietor's income.
- Northwest Iowa has highest average net farm proprietor's income, followed by Northeast Iowa. The remainder of Iowa is below average.

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